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## THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The members of the city fire department have received their quota of abuse since the destruction of several buildings in Haarg by fire a few mornings ago, but in justice to these men it must be said that they worked under adverse conditions.

The city, and not its firemen, is responsible, in a measure, for the length of time required to extinguish the Good Hope street blaze. The members of the Cape Girardeau fire department have nothing to fight fires with. They simply do the best they can and trust to luck.

One serious handicap in combating the conflagration was the poor water pressure. The stream at times would not rise as high as the burning building. If the fire department were equipped with an engine, the city would not be at the mercy of an ineffective water service. But firemen cannot furnish pressure and without pressure no fire department or set of firemen can get first class results.

It is natural for unfortunate victims of a fire to criticize the fire fighting facilities, even though they are efficient, but the Cape Girardeau department deserves credit for making the best of a one-horse outfit. The men worked under trying circumstances to put out the Good Hope fire. The blaze was a difficult one to combat, and one half of the spectators aggravated the situation by shouting instructions to the men with the hose.

The merchants on Good Hope street should be thankful that the loss was no greater. So long as the city is unwilling to give the people an adequate fire department, the people must be satisfied to pray that the wind will blow out all future fires before a great loss has been sustained.

## WASTING THE CITY'S MONEY.

For each of the 101 clusters of electric lights, which make up Cape Girardeau's White Way, the city is paying the Missouri Public Utilities Company \$40 a year. In other words, the White Way is costing the city more than \$4,000 a year. This is rank extravagance.

These 101 lights begin burning early in the evening and are not extinguished until dawn. Not more than two in each block should burn after midnight and one night suffice.

During the early evening, it is necessary to keep all of the lights illuminated, but every city reduces its consumption of electricity after midnight, and Cape Girardeau could save fully one half of the amount it is now paying out to keep the White Way white when it should be dark.

During the summer months the lights in the White Way burn even after the sun is up, and even now dawn finds all of these clusters burning. This extravagance should not be tolerated. The money thus wasted would maintain an adequate fire department, which is more in demand and more essential than a surplus of electric lights while the city is asleep.

If the City Councilmen were just as eager to save the city money as they are to collect their monthly salaries the cost of maintaining this city would be greatly decreased.

Isn't it time to buy some alarm clocks?

## THE FOLLY OF PREPAREDNESS.

The fanatics who are crying about the need of preparedness in the United States, have never suggested that this country might store our present output of ammunition, which is now being shipped to Europe. When are we going to begin to prepare?

If it is necessary that the United States prepare to meet a foreign foe, it must be essential that the United States begin to prepare at once. Why advertise the fact that we are going to prepare if we propose to do nothing more than prepare the Allies to continue the slaughter in Europe.

If we are in danger of being invaded, there must be an enemy on some part of the globe that is getting ready to attack us. And if there is a foe which seeks our weakest spot, why do we continue to neglect our own welfare by selling all of the ammunitions we make to England?

The preparedness campaign is being waged only for the benefit of the gigantic munition plants that have made their appearance since the war in Europe began. In order that the trust which has a corner on the manufacture of implements of war in the United States, may reap a harvest after the countries of Europe have been torn to bits, we are told that the United States is ready to be invaded.

It is idle folly to think that another great war is to follow immediately after peace has been restored in Europe. But even if the United States were to be plunged into a conflict with the victorious nation, we would be just as helpless at the close of the present war as we would have been had we been attacked when Europe went mad.

How can we expect to be prepared to fight at the close of the present conflict if we sell all that we make while the war is going on? If we must prepare, as the apostles of preparedness say, then why doesn't some one of them suggest that we begin now?

Are the people of the United States to understand that we are going to war immediately after peace comes to Europe and prepare after we have begun to fight?

In the language of Roosevelt, "it is pure bull."

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

In leaving the First National Bank, Judge William Schaefer goes with an excellent record behind him. He joined this institution when it was in need of a conservative and, by hard work and careful management, it was lifted from the very brink of ruin and placed upon a safe and sound foundation.

While Judge Schaefer was surrounded by faithful assistants, he was at the helm and in this capacity he rendered an invaluable service. Judge Schaefer knew the people and they knew him and they had faith in his integrity. The two years that Schaefer was President of the First National were the most precarious years in its history, but through proper management it survived and confidence in it was restored.

The patrons of this institution owe a debt to "Bill" Schaefer. He raked the chestnuts from the fire; did it for a paltry salary, and in leaving the institution, his only consolation is in the knowledge that grateful friends, instead of foes, are left behind.

Banks are a necessity, and too much care cannot be manifested in their management. Cape Girardeau is extremely fortunate in its financial institutions, all well managed, thoroughly sound and well patronized.

The new President of the First National finds conditions widely different from what they were when Schaefer assumed the presidency. There was a "don't rock the boat" atmosphere about the bank then, and Schaefer piloted it through and safely anchored for the man who supplants him.

## MAYBE IT HAS THE GRIP.

The Evening Republican's agony discussions seem to indicate that our contemporary is about as happy as a grass widow at a funeral. Is it shouting for a tombstone or merely hinting for a shroud?

Sixty cent coal should be the slogan for Cape Girardeau. It is entitled to that, and it is a crime for the people to pay more.

# COM'L CLUB TO AID THE SMALL BUSINESS MAN

Newly Installed President, Sam Carter, Outlines Club's Policies.

## STANDING COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED FOR YEAR

Members Start Year With Invoice Of City's Commercial Assets.

The special motive or policy of the Commercial Club this year will be to get new members and aid the small business man in the Cape grow large. This was the policy that was outlined at the first meeting of the year last night, when a general invoice took place within the club, everyone made suggestions as to what would be a good thing to do and Samuel M. Carter was placed in the saddle as president to succeed J. H. McPherson.

President Carter announced the appointment of 15 standing committees of the club and enough hints were thrown at them to keep every committee busy for the rest of the year.

A secretary was not elected. Charles L. Harrison, member of a special committee receiving applications for the job, declared that his committee has not been approached by anyone having sufficient "class" to be recommended.

As a consequence the committee was given more time in which to canvass for a new secretary and meantime the other officers and committees will be expected to look after the club's interests.

The club did not consider the financing of a giant steel corporation either, as it was not mentioned by anyone.

In his address after he had been installed as president, Mr. Carter sounded the key-note as to what will be the club's policy. More attention will be given to aid for the little industries in the Cape.

Assistance that may have been given to large institutions heretofore may be diverted into the channel where it will have a more widespread effect. Business men who encounter troubles will be asked to take their problems to the officials of the Commercial Club, who hope to direct them to the proper experts who may show them the profitable solution.

An endeavor for all business men in the Cape to become better acquainted with everything that the city has in the way of industries will be made in the spring in the shape of a city-wide junket, which may also be extended to the country, where a view of modern agriculture as conducted about the Cape, may be obtained.

Plans will be perfected for the more complete advertisement of the Cape through newspapers and circulars.

A special committee seeking to determine what is the best way to have a Cape fair next fall was given additional time in which to confer with the Board of Directors of the Fair and Park Association and devise a plan for a Cape fair.

President Carter's committee appointments were as follows:

Executive—Samuel M. Carter, C. W. Stehr, W. F. Bergmann, George S. Summers, W. H. Stubblefield, Jr., R. E. L. Lamkin.

Finance—A. M. Tinsley, G. S. Summers, Robert Vogelsang, E. J. Deal, and J. F. Lilly.

Auditing—J. P. Meyers, J. E. Neal and M. G. Bender.

Membership—R. E. L. Lamkin, W. H. Bohnsack, Jr., A. H. Mueller, J. M. Allison, Joel T. Nunn, John L. Miller, Seth Babcock, H. A. Nussbaum, J. A. Kinder.

Commerce—George L. Meyer, Will Hirsch, Frank Seib, Robert Vogel, sang, W. W. Hinchey, Ike Caldwell, A. C. Vasterling, Arthur Harrison, E. Drusch, D. A. Glenn, M. Rodibaugh and W. G. Bartels.

Education—W. W. Martin, J. N. Crocker, C. P. Coley, Dr. G. W. Walker, H. L. Roberts, Louis Houck, Dr. W. S. Deamont and L. L. Bowman.

Advisory Board—W. H. Harrison, W. B. Schaefer, Louis Houck, Rev. J. A. Murtaugh, E. J. Deal, J. H. Himmelsberger, F. W. Morrison and D. B. Smith.

Publicity—Fred Naeter, Sam Sherman, A. C. Bowman, J. P. Whiteside, E. W. Plentge, Henry Baden and C. W. Boutin.

Entertainment—W. F. Bergmann, Joel T. Nunn, C. M. Freeman and W. P. Oliver.

Traffic—Charles L. Harrison, R. H. Schultz, George W. Cross, T. M. Williams, A. R. Zoelsmann, C. A. Himmelsberger, T. L. Griffith, Robert Ruch-

# TO TRY TO BREAK LONHIENNE WILL

N. B. Colbert, Cut Off In Bank's Favor, Employs Lawyer To Investigate.

N. B. Colbert, an employee of the F. W. Morrison Ice & Fuel Co., yesterday announced he had retained Oscar A. Knehan as his attorney in an effort to break the will of U. J. Lonhienné, the wealthy Illinois farmer who died at the Terminal Hotel, recently, and who, although Colbert had lived with him from infancy, cut him off in his will.

The will was filed in the Common Pleas Court yesterday and by its terms, after two legacies of \$1,000 each are made to nieces of Lonhienné's first wife, the estate was left to the Sturdivant Bank. W. H. Stubblefield, Jr., and Harry L. Machen are appointed executors.

Lonhienné's estate consists of a farm of about 104 acres on the East Side which has been valued at from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Colbert, who is about 22 years old, during the time that he lived with Lonhienné, was closer to him than anyone else. During Lonhienné's illness, which lasted several weeks before he died, Colbert was in almost constant attendance upon him and for several days he went without sleep and rest to see that the old man received proper care.

Colbert indicated that one of the allegations in his fight against the will, will be that undue influence was brought to bear upon the old man in cutting him off from participation in the estate.

Lonhienné left \$5 to a brother in Belgium, and the two to whom he left \$1,000 each are: Allie Edmundson and Myrtle May Edmundson, 14 and 16 years old respectively, daughters of Grant Edmundson, a wealthy Illinois farmer.

In the will, Lonhienné declared that the remainder of the estate was left to "my friends, the Sturdivant Bank, in recognition of the many acts of kindness and courtesies which I have received at the hands of its officers."

## MAYOR KAGE TO ATTEND WASH NORRIS' FUNERAL

Life-Long Friend Dies at Anna—Was Civil War Veteran and Prominent in Southern Illinois Affairs.

Mayor Kage, Allen Kimmel and Richard Wipperfurth are planning to attend the funeral at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon of G. W. "Wash" Norris, who died yesterday at his home in Anna, Ill., according to word received in the Cape.

Norris was one of the best known men in Southern Illinois and he had many friends in the Cape. The last time he visited the Cape was during the fair. He was a close personal friend to Mayor Kage and wherever either visited at the other's home town, each would "put up" at his friend's house.

Mr. Norris was 77 years old. He came to this section from Nebraska as a boy. He served in the Northern army in the Civil war. He has been active in the Illinois state G. A. R. organization as Officer of the Day at the state encampments. He likewise has been active in the management of the Anna fair and other public matters.

Norris was wealthy. He had been in the livery and undertaking business all his business career and owned two or three large farms.

His brother, James Norris, is mayor of Anna, and he has two sons and two daughters, who survive.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Finley of Chaffee, last night were in the Cape.

mann, Lee L. Albert, Charles F. Flucher, and L. E. Comer.

Industries—M. E. Leming, D. A. Glenn, J. H. Friant, M. D. Wilson, Theodore Ochs, E. G. Graudling, Gus Walther, Edward Hely, I. Ben Miller, and W. C. Bahn.

Streets and Highways—Otto Kochtitzky, J. H. Rouse, Herman Loeffel, W. D. Black and Dennis M. Seivally. Parks and Buildings—Theodore Ochs, E. J. Deal, Louis Houck, Charles H. Gelven, Edward F. Regenhart, Julien N. Friant, Dr. W. E. Yount and L. L. Bowman.

Health and Sanitation—Dr. D. H. Hope, Dr. R. F. Wichterich, Dr. H. L. Cunningham, A. B. Gockel and H. H. Haas.

Legislative—Judge Frank Kelly, B. C. Hardesty, J. H. Caruthers, L. L. Bowman and Julien G. Miller.

The retiring president, Mr. McPherson, made an address after the installation of Mr. Carter, in which he promised a steady commercial growth for the Cape within the next ten years and he predicted that the Cape will attain a population of 25,000 within a few years.

# BABY SWALLOWS A SCREW INCH LONG

Two Year Old Daughter Of George Lance Is Saved By Its Mother.

While playing on the floor with her Christmas toys, Marguerite, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lance, Tuesday, swallowed a screw almost an inch in length, which she had taken from a rocking chair.

Mrs. Lance, who was busy with her household duties in another room was attracted to the child by it gasping for breath. The baby's mouth was wide open in its endeavor to obtain air, and the mother noticed the screw, which had lodged in the child's throat.

She was afraid to attempt to recover the screw by forcing her finger down the baby's throat, because she thought the child might choke to death. She seized her baby by the feet and lifted it from the floor, with its head hanging downward. While in this position, she slapped the little girl vigorously on the back, in the hope that she might dislodge the screw.

Her heroic treatment proved a success. When she released the child, it breathed normally and gave no evidence of being in pain. But she immediately summoned a physician, who prescribed for the infant. The baby has suffered no ill effects yet, and the attending physician stated last night that he did not anticipate any unfavorable results.

There is but one danger, the physician stated, after the screw reached the stomach, and that is the tendency of the stomach to hold any object which does not assimilate. He stated that in some instances it had been found necessary to perform an operation to recover nails and screws, or other heavy metal objects.

But the fact that the Lance baby had not been made ill, it is not considered probable that she will suffer any serious inconvenience. It is expected that the screw will be carried through the stomach within three days, but oftentimes it requires a greater length of time.

George Lance, father of the child, is employed at the shoe factory.

# FIRE ALARM BOXES ARE OUT OF WHACK

Juice Runs Out And Telegraph System Is Useless Whole Month.

Following the destruction by fire of four buildings in Haarg last Thursday morning, it became known yesterday that the fire alarm telegraph system in the Cape is not working and that it would be useless to attempt to sound a fire alarm at one of the six boxes that are located in the most thickly settled parts of the city.

Lack of battery juice is the cause for the telegraph system being out of commission and it is not apparent how much longer the fire alarm boxes will be useless.

Six boxes were located in the Cape at prominent positions, all connected with an instrument at two headquarters at Independence and Frederick streets, which will automatically register the location of the box when the is opened at the box on the street.

The fire alarm boxes are situated at Good Hope and South Frederick streets; Broadway and North Fountain street; Broadway and Pacific street; and Sprigg and Merriweather streets.

The key to each box is enclosed within a small glass case. In the event of a fire, the person wishing to give the alarm is supposed to smash the glass, and open the door to the fire alarm box by turning the key.

This disclosed a switch inside that when turned sounds a gong and registers on a paper tape line at the fire headquarters the location of the box.

Twenty-one battery cells have been used in the operation of the system, but a month ago, the batteries were allowed to give out without being renewed. The materials were ordered, it is said, to make the proper renewals, but they have not arrived, and the city has been without the use of fire alarm boxes for a month.

Miss Irene Clapton, daughter of Rev. J. J. Clapton, who Monday morning was operated upon for appendicitis, last night was reported to be regaining her strength fast, and her recovery is expected soon.

Al Reary last night came in on the Hoxie from a visit of several days in Eminence, Mo.

K. C. Spence of Bloomfield yesterday afternoon arrived in the Cape to attend a trial in the Court of Common Pleas today.

# 30 AT ST. VINCENTS IN BED WITH GRIP

Malady Rages Among Students—Scores In City Are Sick.

Thirty students and attendants at St. Vincent's college on South Spanish street, are confined to their beds with attacks of the grip, it became known yesterday, and scores of people in all parts of the city have been troubled with the malady.

With few exceptions the cases at the college have been mild, according to the physician who has been in attendance there. Measures to prevent a further spread and to stamp the malady out of the school have been taken.

The doctor said that a couple of days ago he wrote out thirty prescriptions for patients at the college, going from one bed to another as fast as he could make progress.

Outdoor exercise under the proper conditions is urged as one of the best means of fighting the malady and persons in the Cape are urged to be careful about going places where the malady is known to exist. Grip is a germ disease, according to medical men, and it is very easily transferred from one person to another.

As part of the routine in opposing the investment of the school by grip, the students and members of the faculty have been taking long walks into the country.

Many cases of grip that have been found in the Cape have developed into a form of pneumonia.

The spread of the disease has not reached proportions that has alarmed the School Board and members of the Board of Health. In some cities in the Middle West, schools have been closed on account of the disease's prevalence. The great spread of grip this winter is charged to the unusual wet weather that has obtained everywhere in the United States this year.

Mrs. Robert Barber, mother of Tom Barber, for three weeks has been ill with a form of pneumonia and grip. She is at Mr. Barber's home on South Spanish street. She more is more than 76 years old.

John W. Taylor, claim agent for the Frisco, is recovering from an attack of grip that threatened to develop into a bad case of pneumonia. According to the doctor attending him, he will be out within a few more days.

Mrs. Roy Statler of South Boulevard, for the last three days has been seriously ill at her home with grip.

Patrolman George Talley last night was suffering with a slight attack of the disease. Patrolman Arthur Whitener also last night remained on duty although he had been advised by a doctor that he has a slight attack of the grip.

Mayor Kage Thursday was suffering with a severe cold and City Clerk R. W. Frissell is just recovering from a case of grip and a cold that kept him confined to his home for several days.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas D. A. Nichols who underwent an operation several days ago following an attack of grip, yesterday was reported to be doing well at St. Francis hospital. According to the physicians in charge of his case, he has improved sufficiently to be moved to his home, but members of his family have decided to keep him in the hospital till he has virtually recovered.

Physicians in the Cape declare that many other families have been visited with severe attacks of grip.

# HERBERT BREIDE WINS PROMOTION IN THE U. S. ARMY

Son of Well-Known Cape Doctor Is Transferred To Corps of Experts.

## NEW POST WAS HIS HIGHEST AMBITION

Youth Now Ranks As An Officer—Will Soon Inspect Army Posts.

Herbert Breide, a son of Dr. Henry Breide, the well-known Cape Girardeau, has been assigned to duty in the Search Light Corps of the United States army. This information was received yesterday by Dr. Breide through a letter from his son, who is now in Washington.

Young Breide, who has been in the army for several years, has recently been assigned to duty in the Quartermaster's office, in Washington, D. C. Last summer the Cape Girardeau soldier spent several weeks in target practice with a crack regiment on the government rifle ranges in Virginia.

Breide, who only recently celebrated his twentieth anniversary, had but one ambition and that was to be assigned to the Search Light Corps, which is in reality a scouting organization, composed of soldiers who are mechanics.

The youthful Cape Girardeau decided a year ago to be admitted to this branch of the military organization, and he began to study for an examination. He took the examination recently and only last week was informed that he had been transferred from the Quartermaster's office to the Search Light Corps.

There are but twenty-four members of this organization, he wrote to his father, and because of its exclusive nature, he feels that he has been especially honored.

In his letter to his father yesterday, Mr. Breide said that it offered the best opportunity of any branch of the army to study and to acquire military knowledge. As a member of this organization, he is entitled to rank of an officer, and he dines with army officers of high and low degrees.

The Search Light Corps has been ordered to make an inspection of the various army posts in the United States. Breide wrote his father, and he expects to leave Washington for the southwest next week. He will stop at St. Louis, he said, for a few days and then go to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He expects to visit many states before returning to his headquarters in Washington.

Young Breide stated that the members of his organization, while not on active duty, are required to spend four hours each day listening to lectures of mechanical wizards and high officers of the United States army. The Search Light Corps is a new branch of the army.

A. W. Boss, Ervin Pullum, Frank Warren, Albert Tate, D. A. Tate, V. A. Hawk, Oscar Lincoln, John J. Hawk and George McCall, all of Idaho, Stoddard County, yesterday arrived in the Cape to attend the Common Pleas Court as witnesses in a damage suit against the Cotton Belt Railroad. They are stopping at the Riverview.

Grover Denton of Gray Ridge, yesterday afternoon was a business visitor in the Cape.

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